

manders, staffs and other command, control, communications and computer users at all echelons on installing, operating and maintaining distributed database systems, teleprocessing systems and data communications supporting battlefield automated systems.

Signal officers are typically assigned to maneuver units, such as infantry or armor battalions and brigades, as Signal platoon leaders and as primary staff and technical adviser (S-6) to the commander. With technology's advancements and the Army's initiatives - such as the digitized division, network-centric operations and the Army's transformation - the S-6's role has become increasingly critical in providing the right information to the right individuals at the right time.

The S-6 provides non-Signal units linkage to the WAN. As the S-6, Signal officers ensure that voice and data connectivity between higher, lower and adjacent units is secure and reliable. S-6s are also responsible for planning, employing and operating state-of-the-art digital voice, imagery and data distribution systems and networks from combat net radios, local-area networks and WANs to satellite systems that span the globe.



A Signal officer communicates via radio mounted in a high mobility, multipurpose wheeled vehicle, or humvee. Signal officers are responsible for state-of-the art digital voice, imagery and data distribution systems and networks from combat net radios, local area networks and wide area networks to satellite systems that span the globe.

Signal officers also serve in a variety of other positions such as:

- Platoon leaders, company commanders, supply and maintenance officers, operations officers, executive officers, other staff officers and battalion/brigade commanders within Signal units;
- Staff and joint duty officers at

major command, Department of the Army and Department of Defense levels, planning, managing and operating information systems around the world;

- Action officers, branch and division chiefs in Training and Doctrine Command to develop doctrine, organizations and equipment for the Signal mission area;
- Instructors and training developers at the Signal Center, other branch schools and combat training centers;
- Signal instructors at precommissioning programs such as Reserve Officers Training Corps, military academies and service Signal schools and service colleges; and
- Signal advisers to U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard organizations.

Signal Regiment in action

As mentioned earlier, Signal officers work closely with their Regimental counterparts (FA 24 and FA 53 officers) to provide seamless, secure, continuous and dynamic information systems at all levels - from the fighting platform to the sustaining base - supporting Army, joint and combined warfighting missions. In particular, Signal officers coordinate and plan



1LT Richard Kaiser checks PFC Amy Waugh's work in a 93d Signal Brigade training exercise at Fort Gordon, Ga. Signal officers serve in a variety of leadership and staff positions.